(ii) National Iodine Deficiency Disorders Control Programme.

(iii) Monthly, Village Health and Nutrition Day are to be organized by the ASHA, Anaganwadi Worker, ANM and PRA representatives.

(vi) The other Programmes launched by various other Ministries and Department are:

(1) National Programme for Nutritional Support to Primary Education (Mid Day Meal Scheme).

(2) Nutrition Programme for Adolescent Girls in 51 districts to provide free foodgrains to undernourished adolescent girls and pregnant and nursing mothers.

(3) Nutrition Education and Training Programmes of Food and Nutrition Board.

(4) Targeted Public Distribution System (Department of Food and Public Distribution).

(5) Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme/ Swajaldhara and Total Sanitation Campaign; National Rural Employment Guarantee Programme.

AIIMS like hospital in Madurai

1418. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to construct an AIIMS type hospital at Madurai;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI ANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) At present, there is no proposal to construct an AIIMS type hospital at Madurai. However, Government Medical College, Salem in the State of Tamil Nadu is being upgraded under Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY).

Use of nimesulide in the country

1419. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India is among the very few countries where the anti-inflammatory drug nimesulide is permitted for paediatric use;

(b) whether the Drugs Controller General of India has asserted in an affidavit filed in the Delhi High Court that there is no ground for banning nimesulide in the country for paediatric use; and

(c) whether the drug was not licenced for use in some developing countries and banned/withdrawn from others and if so, whether India will review its earlier stance?